End of Year Stocktaking

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We grow close to the ending of the year 1910. Probably this has been the most eventful year in the history of San Diego. And there is no doubt that it has been the most eventful one for the San Diego Floral Association. Probably we do not see the immediate results from the events of the past year, but we have inaugurated and planned for greater things that are bound to bear great results.

Probably no one greater thing that will affect San Diego horticulturally has taken place than the voting of the $1,000,000 Park Improvement Bonds. And now the committee has engaged that prominent firm of Brookline. Mass., landscape architects, Messrs. Olmsted Bros., to plan our new improvements.

This selection bears significance in the fact that the committee subordinates the building part of the exhibition to the horticultural part. This spirit commends itself to the members of our society. We do not criticize the appointment of those so well fitted to plan the general outline of the improvements, but the fact must not be lost sight of by the committee that Mr. Olmsted, who was here, admits that he knows nothing of the vegetation that will thrive here, or the great possibilities of our marvelous climate.

Knowing this fact, the committee will undoubtedly engage a competent gardener to supplement the advice of Messrs. Olmsted. Someone who has lived here for years, and not only studied the plants now growing here, but also those that can be made to grow here. This advice should also be supplemented by other experts and experimenters on this coast from Santa Barbara south. No time should be lost in securing these services immediately. Time is precious, and in no case can this be more clearly demonstrated than in our park improvement. A palm planted this year will take a year, at any rate, to establish itself before it will make any growth, and in a few years' time plants worth a few dollars now could not be replaced for hundreds of dollars.

A nursery should be established in the park at once. Many plants may be raised from seeds or cuttings costing a few cents, that it will take dollars to buy.

It is also gratifying to note that the Mission style of architecture is to predominate, in spite of the protest of some, or at least one, of our Park Commissioners.

This also means that the tropical plants and semi-tropical plants will also predominate, to be in keeping with the architecture. This is to be commended and is along the lines always advocated by the *California Garden*. This style will also lend itself admirably to horticultural embellishment with its arches and pergolas. Here is where our evergreen grapes and bougainvilleas come in, and many and various other plants almost unknown in other parts of California.

In this connection we desire to call the attention of the committee to an article in another part of this magazine "on what will not grow in San Diego," written by a native of the state and an expert horticulturist. Again, we repeat: "*Do it now*"! To delay means a flagrant waste of money – also inferior results. ■

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